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Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

Letter dated 5 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the pleasure, in my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, to enclose herewith the statement issued by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau on the powerful earthquake that struck West Sumatra Province, Indonesia, on 30 September 2009 (see annex).

I kindly request that the above-mentioned statement be circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 70 and 70 (a).

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Annex to the letter dated 5 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement dated 1 October 2009 by the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the powerful earthquake that struck West Sumatra Province, Indonesia, on 30 September 2009

The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement expresses deep condolences, sympathies and solidarity with the Government and the people of Indonesia on the 7.6 magnitude earthquake that struck off the coast of Sumatra at 17:16 local time (10:16 GMT), on 30 September 2009, particularly as preliminary data indicate that the powerful earthquake has caused at least 700 lives, hundreds have sustained serious injuries and thousands have been trapped in collapsed buildings. More than 500 buildings, including 2 main hospitals and other public facilities, have been seriously damaged.

The Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement commends the quick response by the Government of Indonesia in mobilizing all available resources to save the victims of the earthquake and encourages United Nations member countries and United Nations humanitarian entities, relevant humanitarian organizations and humanitarian relief and assistance organizations, as well as the donor community, to respond positively to the position of the Government of Indonesia, which is open to receiving international assistance in support of its national efforts.